

# **HISTORY OF The USA FROM ANCIENT TIMES TO 1492**

## **Why do we study the history of the USA?**

The reason behind learning the history of the USA is to remind us how nations become superior or great.

How Great Britain, which was a superpower at that time, colonized the USA.

How did the USA achieve liberty from Britain and become the superpower of the future or coming time?

## **To start learning USA history, let's start from the Ice Age.**

Till now, five ice ages have arrived so far (an ice age is the time when ocean water becomes frozen). Beyond twenty to twenty-five thousand years ago, a group of people migrated from the eastern coast of Asia to the western coast of Alaska through the Bering Bridge, which connects Siberia to Alaska; later they moved to Central America, now called the USA, for hunting. After that, the world has no idea what happened to them. The last ice age was passed eleven hundred years ago from today. When the ice age ended, the connection between the two landmasses became lost. Now water is presents at that place, So from last ice age to 15th century both new world and old world are detached from each other. In the 15th century, Old World people found that this is not the only world, but there is another world; he named it the New World or Strange World.

Before the discovery of the new world, what were the conditions of the old world? The old world comprises Asia, Africa, and Europe. In early stages, the Romans were in power, but due to invasion wars, the Roman Empire shrunk to the Byzantine Empire; moreover, this Byzantine Empire further shrunk to Constantinople due to internal corruptions, internal divisions, and outside invasions. The Romans lost their leadership in Constantinople, and Sultan Mohammed Fateh II, the ruler of the Ottoman Empire, conquered Constantinople (Istanbul). If we saw the geographical location of Istanbul, it was in the center between Asia and Europe and was the only famous trade route from Asia to Europe. The other important place in Istanbul was the Hagia Sophia (a church), a sacred place of Orthodox Christians or Europeans. They are socially, religiously, or spiritually connected to this place, but Muslims blocked this trade route due to traditional rivalries. From crusade wars in which Muslims lost their power

or leadership in Grenada in Europe, this is about 1492. The Europeans went into inflation and anarchic situations. In this situation, Europeans got hope that was the writings or travelogues of Marco Polo, In his writings or travelogues, it was written that China, as a land of immense wealth, had golden walls, silver pots, precious mats, etc. This means he effuses the Europeans that were desperate at that time to go to China and bring the gold and silver and precious things to make Europe again in power. They decided to go to China to bring precious things like gold, silver, and many more things to make Europe as a supreme leader or great power in the world.

Until the 15th century, both worlds were unaware of each other; the old world had no idea about the new world, but in some old Chinese books, this new world is called Fusang (out of the world); the old travelers somewhere or someplace told this place as “the East of the eastern ocean lies the land of Fusang. Now Europeans decided to go to Asia; they started making voyages to Asia, but as we know, Muslims already blocked the land or trade route, so now they had two choices to go to Asia: firstly, they could go through the north side, or secondly, they had to cross the complete African continent to reach Asia; it was the lengthy or big route. It’s time to enter Christopher Columbus. He first went to the king of Portugal, King John II, in 1484 to cross the Atlantic Ocean to reach Asia; however, the king denied his request. After some years, he went to Spain; he convinced King Ferdinand and Queen Isabella with these conditions: that the land discovered by him is governed by him and he can’t bear a single penny of boats or crew. On 14th August, 1492, Columbus started his first voyage with three ships (Nina, Pinta, Santa Maria) to the west because, in his point of view, if we traveled in a westward direction, we would finally reach Asia. He believed that the earth was round. Finally, after a voyage of approximately two months, Columbus reached the Bahamas, where he saw the dark people having dark color; he named them red Indians. He thought that he had reached Asia; in his whole life he was unaware of the fact that he had discovered a new landmass or new world.

## The ancient civilizations in the Americas are:

### Red-Indians

### Aztec

**Politically:** Uncivilized

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**Economically:** Uncivilized

**Economically:** Civilized

**Socially:** Uncivilized

: Civilized

**Socially**

**Mayas**  
**Incas** (Highly Civilized)

**Politically:** Uncivilized

**Politically:** Civilized

**Economically:** Uncivilized

**Economically:** Civilized

**Socially:** civilized

: Civilized

**Socially**

**ADVENT OF EUROPEANS TO BRITISH  
SUPREMACY (1492-1606)**